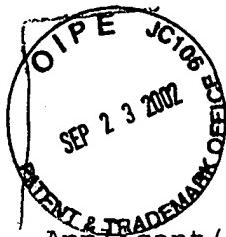


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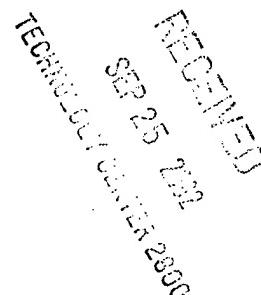
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RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 18, 2002,  
Applicant amends as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 5,  
with the following rewritten paragraph:

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---Further, since the rotary shaft 5 and ball screw shaft 7 are separately provided, the combination thereof can be freely selected to enhance flexibility, assembly and maintenance thereof, thereby forming the driving unit of a welding equipment so as to serve a motor-operated welding equipment that is compact and has an excellent operability.---

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 13, with the following rewritten paragraph:

C2  
---The fastening means utilizing a friction force is not limited to that utilizing a wedging operation as set forth above, but includes an apparatus for generating pressure in liquid medium sealed in a sleeve and expanding the sleeve to perform fastening or the like.---

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 5,  
with the following rewritten paragraph: